

**REMARKS**

Claims 45-70 and 95-123 are cancelled as they are being pursued in separate applications. A copy of the pending claims, as amended, is attached for the Examiner's convenience. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the Specification:**

At page 1, following the Title of the Invention, please insert:

--This application is a Divisional application of co-pending application U.S. Patent Appln. Ser. No. 09/655,378, filed September 5, 2000, which is a Continuation of co-pending application U.S. Patent Appln. Ser. No. 08/520,946, filed January 15, 1998, which is a Continuing Patent Application of U.S. Patent Appln. Ser. No. 08/520,946, filed August 30, 1995, which is a Continuation-in-Part application of U.S. Patent Appln. Ser. No. 08/484,956, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,843,654, issued December 1, 1998, which is a Continuation-in-Part application of U.S. Patent Appln. Ser. No. 08/402,601, filed March 9, 1995, now abandoned and the Continuation U.S. Patent Appln. Ser. No. 08/802,233, filed February 19, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,888,780, issued March 30, 1997, which is a Continuation-In-Part Application of Application Serial No. 08/337,164, filed November 9, 1994 and the Continuation U.S. Patent Appln. Ser. No. 08/789,079, filed February 6, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,719,028, issued February 17, 1998, which is a Continuation-In-Part Application of Application Serial No. 08/254,359, filed June 6, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,614,402, issued March 25, 1997, which is a Continuation-In-Part Application of Application Serial No. 08/073,384, filed June 4, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,541,311, issued June 30, 1996, which is a Continuation-In-Part Application of Application Serial No. 07/986,330, filed December 7, 1992, now abandoned.--

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In an Office Action dated December 24, 2002, the Examiner asserts that "the Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1-3, 19, 30 and 31 are generic." Office Action, pg. 2.

Claims 1-3, 19, 30 and 31 are not under prosecution in the present application. The present application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/655,378, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,372,424. In the '424 patent the Applicants prosecuted Claims 1-44.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/655,378 is a continuation of the '424 patent. A Preliminary Amendment was filed on June 13, 2001, in which Claims 1-44 were canceled and replaced by Claims 45-123. In an Office Action dated August 15, 2001, the Examiner submitted a restriction requirement upon the Claims. In the restriction requirement, the Examiner restricted the claims into four groups: Group I, Claims 45-70; Group II, Claims 71-94; Group III, Claims 95-108; and Group IV, Claims 109-123. In an Office Action Response dated August 28, 2001, the Applicants elected to pursue Claims 45-70 (Group I) and cancel Claims 71-123 (Groups II, III<sup>1</sup>, and IV<sup>2</sup>) retaining the option of pursuing these Claims in separate applications.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/940,925 is a divisional of the '378 application. A Preliminary Amendment dated August 28, 2001 elected to pursue Claims 71-94, and cancel Claims 45-70 and Claims 95-123. Enclosed is a photocopy of the August 28, 2001 Preliminary Amendment and a photocopy of the postcard receipt, and a photocopy of the Express Mail label. Because pending Claims 71-94 were already the subject of a restriction requirement, Applicants believe no further restriction is appropriate

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/941,193 is a divisional of the '378 application. A Preliminary Amendment dated August 28, 2001 elected to pursue Claims 95-108, and cancel Claims 45-94 and Claims 109-123.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/941,095 is a divisional of the '378 application. A Preliminary Amendment dated August 28, 2001 elected to pursue Claims 109-123, and cancel Claims 45-108.

In addition, a copy of the Form PTO-1449 from the parent application is enclosed herewith for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references associated with the Form PTO-1449 are contained in the file of the parent application for the Examiner's review.

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